

Town of Buxton
Minutes for January 24, 2018 Selectmen's Meeting

Recorded by Krystal Dyer

Members Present: Chad E. Poitras, Jean C. Harmon, Clifford L. Emery, Mark J. Blier and Dennis P. Santolucito.

Others Present: Arthur Payeur, Scott Warchol and Peter Burns

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance

The Selectmen recited the pledge.

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

*Selectmen Meeting Minutes for January 17, 2018
Approved 4-0-1, Selectman Emery abstained,*

*Meeting Minutes for January 19, 2018
Approved 3-0 2 Selectmen Santolucito and Emery abstained*

Discussion held between 4:00 & 7:00 p.m.

Roger Tracy is applying for a Liquor License, Special Amusement permit and a Victualer's Licenses to re-open Skip's Lounge and Restaurant. The Board stated what their expectations were for the establishment to re-open.

Recreation Director, Nicole Welch was in with ideas for the growth of the Recreation programs and potentially acquiring a bus through a grant program. Nicole is doing a great job, she has increased the senior citizen programs and the Board looks forward to meeting with her again to review additional updates.

The Board met with the Budget Committee. They will start meeting every Tuesday, beginning January 30 at 6PM.

Peter Burns attends the Budget Advisory Committee meetings and does a great job watching over the school budget expenditures. He updated the Board with the changes, which include changes in the state formula that will negatively impact finances.

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Selectman Santolucito announced that SAD6 and surrounding schools are having a difficult time finding substitute teachers.

Review of Correspondence

- *Email from Chief Kenneth Brilliant of the Maine Fire Chiefs Association Stating that Chief Nathan Schools has been awarded the Chief Fire Officer Level III Training.*
- *On January 23rd there was a Saco Planning Board meeting regarding the Saco Ecology School. The Board did not receive an update.*
- *Email from State representative Donald Marean – regarding Weekly update*
- *Email from Robert Hunt – Re: Weekly Legislative Report public hearing on January 25th regarding the foreclosure process and excise tax. Both will have a significant impact on municipalities. They will watch for any updates.*
- *Email from SAD6 Budget Advisory Committee – Re: General Fund Budget*

Review of Projects and Issues

Selectman Emery was in every day and checked in with all department heads. He thanked the Public Works Department for their dedication to keeping the roads safe. They worked two and a half days with minimal sleep. The roads look great and they did an excellent job! He stressed, that with his 30 years of plowing experience, it is a difficult job keeping the roads clear in a freezing rain/ice storm. The crew did a great job.

Selectman Harmon attended the Selectman's meeting on Friday with a resident and the Town's Attorney, we are on our way to a resolution. She is also gearing up for budget season.

Selectman Blier prepared for the Comprehensive Planning meeting and reviewed budget information. He assisted with an issue that came up at Police Department addition.

Selectman Blier wanted to give a sincere thank you to the Public Works Department. They do not get a lot of sleep during these two and a half day storms. He expresses to the public, if you see the crew, give them pat on the back and thank them, they deserve it!

Selectman Blier also attended the January 19 Selectman's meeting.

Selectman Poitras was at the January 19th Selectman's meeting where we are waiting for a resolution from the town attorney.

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Selectman Poitras continues to be in contact with concerned citizens in the West Buxton Village area who are looking for a safer pedestrian traffic flow in the area of the dance studio. Speed seems to be the issue in a 25-mph zone.

Selectman Poitras also took the time to thank the Public Works crew by stating they deserve more praise than they get. They're doing a great job and put in a lot of hours keeping the roads safe.

Selectman Santolucito continued the conversation by stating that the Public Works crew worked around the clock and did a great job. People need to slow down and drive to the conditions of the road.

Chief Schools informed the Board that there are new State mandates that will change the way 911 medical calls are handled. Buxton's answering point is in Scarborough and there may be cost impacts of what Scarborough charges us. There will be a presentation soon.

Selectman Santolucito reached out to David Anderson regarding the technology rotation schedule for the front office budget. This may include upgrading surveillance cameras in the front lobby.

Old Business

None

New Business

Selectman Harmon reminded the Board that they need to consider who the dedication of the town report will be this year.

Executive Orders

E.O. 171801017 –An order to approve the hire of Joanne C. Ward as Administrative Assistant for Public Works and Fire/Rescue Departments effective January 29, 2018 at a rate of \$16.50 per hour.

Approved 5-0

E.O. 171801018 – An order to approve John Myers to attend a Town Clerk Retirement Dinner in Kittery

Approved 5-0

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Executive Orders by Initiative

None

Accounts Payable and Payroll Warrants

E.O. 171801015 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Accounts Payable Warrant #63

*Approved 5-0
The amount was \$94,793.72*

E.O. 171801016 – An order approving expenditures as documented in Payroll Warrant #62

*Approved 5-0
The amount was \$57,908.84*

Next Meeting of the Board

The Comprehensive Planning will meet on Monday, January 29 at 6:30PM

The next Board of Selectmen Meeting Wednesday, January 31 at 7PM

Budget Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 30 at 6 pm

Other Business

Selectman Emery announced that the Public Works Department has a Laborer/Equipment Operator position open.

Public Comments and Questions

Scott Warchol asked if the marijuana issue will be on the ballot. Selectman Emery said we are waiting to see what the state proposes. Mr. Warchol said he would like to see it broken out into sections, such as social clubs, retail sales, and processing, etc. the Board will review again once the state makes a decision.

There was discussion on the split screen projection during Planning Board meetings. Selectman Santolucito thought it was in operation. He will check into it and report back.

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Mr. Warchol also noticed large storage containers at Napa and Aubuchon Hardware, and asked if they are taxed? Selectman Santolucito has already contacted the state and they said it would have to be consistent throughout the town. We generally do not tax them. The issue becomes more that the container is taking up a specific number of parking spaces that were approved per the ordinance for the business. It will be looked into if it continues to grow.

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

*Motion made and seconded to adjourn the Meeting at 7:28 PM
Approved 5-0*

Dennis P. Santolucito, Selectman

Chad E. Poitras, Selectman

Jean C. Harmon, Selectman

Clifford L. Emery, Selectman

Mark J. Blier, Selectman

*Date Signed: _____
Videotaped by Harrison Beam*